

Post Falls Junior Tackle Board Meeting Minutes

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Date/Time: April 12, 2016 – 7:00 pm

Location: PFHS – Library

In Attendance: Sara Rodriguez, Dan Pearse, Courtney Myers, Laurie and Spencer Sessions, Brenna Stanaway, Brittany Teverbaugh, Jen Fox, Roy Mckenzie

Visitors: Tieghe Arman, Scott Babowisz, Todd Curtis, Bustamante, Duster,

The meeting was called to order by Spencer Sessions at 7:05 pm.

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- Need to work with Dan to get banking stuff setup.

Finance

- Website payments. We have about \$3,600 of registration recognized so far.
- Big bills are insurance in July and helmet deposit.

Marketing

- Marketing – Courtney to check on banners to hang at the schools for communicating that registration is open.
- Post Falls Festival – Courtney getting it submitted. Parade is paid for.
 - Need to start getting a schedule setup for our table.

Fundraising

- Sara to get a list of team managers (with email) to Jen
- Brent with Spokane Empire – partnered with us for a fundraiser
 - May 20 – Upper Level seats – rival night against Tri-Cities
 - Team Managers will work with teams to get the tickets ordered. They will get team information to Jen.
 - Will pass info along in a league wide email, on facebook, and website.
- Triple Play – Friday in June 17 - \$17/per person for everything in the park.
- Sponsorship (league) – a form is in the works. Jen will contact the team managers for getting sponsors.
- If anyone has a company that would like to sponsor, let Jen know so she can get a sponsorship form sent to them.

Registration

- We are ahead of last year – sitting at ~184 participants registered.
- Spencer to send out an email to the coaches to have them communicate with their teams to get them registered.
- We will get a list out to the coaches so they know who is registered so they know who to contact.
- Spencer and Sara will meet next week to look at where we are at with registrations.

Coaching & Team Formation

- We have an opening for a coach on 6th grade due to some coaches switching over to Spokane.
 - Any players and coaches that choose to switch to Spokane for football, will be placed randomly on teams when they come back to PF.
 - Email will be sent to the parents of that team from last year and let them know their options.
 - Bottom line is we have to make sure the kids get taken care of.
- This year there will be an exit interview for all coaches.
- Would like to have all coaching positions filled out by mid-May.
- Mr. Pratt – would like to start a 5th grade team – he has 10 new players to be able to start a team.
 - Are we going to a draft scenario or continue with the 10 player rule as currently stands.
 - We need to make a decision on this before the next meeting.
 - Input was requested from all the coaches last month.
 - Everyone is welcome to provide feedback on this. Email any executive board member.
 - Dan will check in with the high school to see if they have a preference – New head coach to be announced soon from the high school.
 - The key is to have continuity with terminology.
 - Basically have four options:
 - You get your 10 to start.
 - Draft
 - Geographic distribution
 - Modified draft, with tryouts – all coaches rank the skill of each player, and then and deal out the players by skill set – mirror what is done for little league.
 - We need to do what is most effective for the community
 - CDA is pushing for geographic distribution.
- Coach the Coaches meeting will be scheduled sometime in May. This will be another required meeting for the coaches. Will include drills and general practice information to keep practices fresh. High school coaches will be in attendance.

Equipment

- New signs will probably cost us about \$1,200 for a basic one or \$2,200 for one like the one at PFMS. Depending on fundraising, we may be able to get it done this year. If we order by mid-July, we can have it by the first game.
- Helmets – Pricing is under \$80 a helmet – probably down to \$60/helmet. Initial order will be in the next 2-3 weeks.
- Every helmet in our inventory will be 5 star rated after we purchase another ~100 helmets.
- Helmets are an air bladder – 3 bladder sizes for 6 helmet sizes.
- We will provide some basic helmet training to coaches – what needles to use on each helmet, properly installing chin straps, and not modifying equipment.
- Tentative Equipment checkout on July 9 – with timeslots communicated to coaches by June 8.
- We have a full set of black blank jerseys that will be available for a team this fall. Contact Dan.
- Post Falls Middle School main field will only have 3rd/4th grade teams practicing on it.

Spring Football

- Good turnout for 8th grade and have a 7th grade team.
- Season is going great and a great experience.
- Highly recommend it for 7th and 8th grade in future years – good transition into high school
- We have negotiated with the YMCA to be able to use our own equipment – PFJT&C insurance is covering our kids.

Managers

- Laurie is waiting on a couple more team manager confirmations.
- Helping communicate advertising to the managers.
- Shirt sales – have we finalized logo – it is in Spencer's inbox for review – he will send it out to the executive board for approval.

Concessions

- Laurie has finished cleaning out the concessions trailer.
- Thank you Fox Trailers for fixing some broken items on the concession trailer!

Scholarships

- Modified form.
- Laurie – will be monitoring hours this year.

Camps & Volunteering

- Post Falls Jr Tackle Camp – encourage your players to attend it is a great camp. Once the registration form is out, we will the information out.
- Highly encourage taking your team to take a practice and do some community service day (food bank, senior center, etc).
- Are there any other football camps available for players? Dan will get a list put together.

Important Dates

- BBQ – August 8, 2016 (tentative)
- Jr Tackle Camp – July 25-28, 2016
- Friday, May 20, 2016 – Spokane Empire vs Tri Cities – PFJT Fundraiser Night
- June 17 – Triple Play Night
- July 8-10 – Post Falls Festival
- July 16 – Equipment Check out

Tabled Items

- Practice times and locations
- 3/4th grade – full field – is that an option?
- Team formation

Other Topic

- Robert Romero – has an 8th grader starting River City Middle School this fall. He has played for CDA up until this year. He has experienced some bullying issues on his team when he was in CDA. He has been wrestling with Pete Reardon for a number of years and he is comfortable with them. He would like to have him put on Reardon's team because he knows kids and will help him get integrated and make friends. He is undersized at about 73 pounds.
 - Executive Board will consider it and put it to a vote.
 - Spencer will get back with him

Next Meeting

- Tues, May 10, 2016 @ 7pm at the PFHS Library

The meeting was closed at 8:27pm.